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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of

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For: PROCESS FOR PRODUCING A METAL STRIP USING A TWO-ROLLER CASTING DEVICE

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Prior to examination on the merits, kindly amend the application as follows:

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

If checked, "Small Entity" status is claimed.

NO. CLAIMS AFTER AMENDMEN	T	HIGHEST NO. PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	EXTRA PRESENT	RATE	ADDIT. FEE
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\* not less than 20 \*\* not less than 3

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### **SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS**

1.  If checked, an abstract is submitted herewith.
2.  If checked, amendment(s) to the drawings are submitted herewith.
3.  If checked, amendment(s) to the specification are submitted herewith.
4.  If checked, amendment(s) to the claims are submitted herewith.